

OFFICE OF EMS/TRAUMA NEWS

GEMSIS IS UNDERWAY

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Special points of interest:

- EMS Work Force Study
- Cans for Kids
- Injury Prevention Programs
- January Trivia Question

The implementation phase of the Georgia Emergency Medical Services Information System (GEMSIS) project has begun. According to Ej Dailey, Deputy Director of OEMS/T, the project is ahead of schedule. The progress is due to the dedication and expertise of the statewide task force that comprises the stakeholders group. The next phase of the project will include the formation of three new working committees. New stakeholders have been nominated from across the state to join the team.

Mr. Fred Grant, Manager of Operations, Analysis, and Research indicated that the GEMSIS plan was written in 2004 with stakeholder assistance and is now approved for statewide publication. The purpose of GEMSIS is to enhance the State of Georgia's Emergency Medical Services (EMS) data collection and analysis operating capabilities. GEMSIS defines 10 strategic and operational goals, which develop statewide EMS infrastructure.

At the GEMSIS meeting on December 9, 2004 in Atlanta, individuals involved with the project over the past year were presented with Certificates of Appreciation by Mr. David Bean, Director of the OEMS/Trauma, and Ms. Dailey.

Mr. Grant outlined the objectives for the project year 2005-2006 include purchasing a new system for the

Nebraska and Missouri.

GEMSIS is funded by a U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration, Emergency Medical Services for Children Partnership Grant.



State Office to phase out patient care report scanning. This phase out will take several years.

Three guest speakers presented examples of successful EMS data collection methods from Minnesota,

Tentative meeting schedule:
2/23/05, Atlanta
5/5/05, Macon
6/30/05, TBD
9/22/05, South Georgia
11/3/05, Atlanta



Dr. Kathleen Toomey resigned on December 15, 2005. During her tenure with the Georgia Department of Human Resources, Division of Public Health, Dr. Toomey was instrumental in strengthening Home-

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land Security in Georgia. Among many other notable accomplishments, she was a strong advocate of Emergency Medical Services across the state.

Dr. Stuart Brown has been named as the Acting Director of Public Health. Dr. Brown was previously the

Acting District Health Director for DeKalb Co. and the Director of Clinics in DeKalb Co.

We look forward to continuous strong support from DHR and the Division of Public Health.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES MEDICAL DIRECTORS ADVISORY COUNCIL (EMSMDAC)

BY JILL MABLEY, MD

Adult Intraosseous Devices

Use of adult intraosseous devices has been approved by the Committee. Presently, there are three manufacturers of FDA approved adult IO devices. All agencies are encouraged, with their medical directors, to evaluate the devices, select one for local use, develop SOPs and protocols, train on the device, and place it in the field. This is also an opportunity to review equipment and training on the pediatric IO device. Use of IO devices is in the EMT-I scope of practice.



Jill Mabley, MD,
Chairperson of EMSMDAC

Blood Substitute Study

Pre-hospital use of Poly-Heme, a blood substitute product, has been approved (and scope of practice temporarily expanded for paramedics to administer blood products) for agencies participating in a randomized controlled study of the product. Principal Investigator Dennis W. Ashley, MD, FACS is leading the study, which will be conducted at The Trauma Center at the Medical Center of Central Georgia in Macon. The hope is that this product will prove safe and effective in the pre-hospital setting, and will become available to all agencies in the coming years.

Guidebook for Local EMS Medical Directors

At the suggestion of Richard Roberts, a directory or resource guide is being developed for local EMS medical directors. The directory will include: a copy of State EMS Rules and Regula-

tions; State laws governing EMS; information about the structure of DHR, SOEMS, regions, and EMSMDAC; State EMS protocols; information on liability issues; CQI information; suggestions on being an effective medical director; national resources. Anyone who is willing to help put this together, or has any comments/ideas, please contact

Jill Mabley,
(jmabley@cherokeega.com)

Pre-hospital Exposures to Infectious Agents

Concern has been expressed at recent EMSMDAC meetings that information regarding exposure of pre-hospital care providers (first responders, fire fighters, and law enforcement as well as EMTs and paramedics) to infectious agents is not getting to exposed individuals in a timely manner. Over the last year, Dr. O'Neal has met with GHA representatives, with some progress but no resolution. He is currently seeking information about hospitals that have good infection control programs, that share such information with the EMS providers, as well as hospitals that resist sharing this information. While HIV, SARS, etc. are always an issue, the rise of TB (especially MDR) in our communities is the greatest concern.

Medical Education

Dr. John Stearns chairs the EMSMDAC Conference Committee. This year's educational offering is on March 29, 2005 at the Changes

Conference in Augusta. The afternoon session will target local EMS medical directors. Probable speakers include Dr. Pat O'Neal, Dr. Ed Racht, Dr. Ray Fowler, and an experience paramedic who will speak on what is the "ideal" medical director. Dr. Stearns anticipates that this will be an annual event.

GAEMS (Georgia Association of Emergency Medical Services)

The Georgia Association of EMT's and the EMS Directors Association of Georgia has merged into GAEMS. This organization has a membership division for Medical Directors; yearly dues are \$50. Currently, 800 Georgia EMTs and 18 Georgia Medical Directors are members. Please contact Courtney Terwilliger, president, for further information (cterwilliger@emauelmedical.org).

Acute stroke management

Laura Pople, the State Health Alliance Director for the American Heart Association, is working with the EMS and hospital communities in Georgia regarding stroke recognition and treatment. Please

Contact her at
(laura.pople@heart.org) for model protocols and educational information.

Meeting Schedule 2005

All EMSMDAC meeting are open to any interested persons.

Future scheduled meetings: March 29 at the Changes conference in Augusta, Ga;

July 14 location TBA in Atlanta;

November 10 in Cordele.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES MEDICAL DIRECTORS ADVISORY COUNCIL (EMSMDAC) CONTINUED ...

State EMS Protocol Revision

A subcommittee has been formed to update State EMS protocols. While each local medical director has the final authority to approve and implement local protocols, State EMS protocols do exist that can be used as templates and modified locally. The last version was drafted in 1999. This committee is chaired by Dr. Arch McNeill, and will include physicians with interest and expertise in both adult and pediatric emergency medicine, as well as paramedics.

Committee appointments are presently being made. Wide spread input regarding errors, needed updates, needed new protocols, and controversies is encouraged. Please submit any ideas/concerns to

Jill Mabley, MD, chair of
EMSMDAC
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SOEMS Newsletter

This quarterly newsletter will be distributed to all local EMS medical directors. The plan is to report on the EMSMDAC meetings, as well as past items and topics

of interest to local EMS directors. Upcoming topics include liability issues and CQI. Part of this project is to gather current e-mail addresses for all local EMS medical directors. Anyone who has interest in writing short (or long) articles or helping with creation of the e-mail list, please contact

Jill Mabley
(jmabley@cherokeega.com)
or Marie Probst
(mprobst@gdph.state.ga.us)

FROM THE OEMS DIRECTORS' CHAIR BY DAVID BEAN AND EJ DAILEY

Question:

What is the status of the revised Rules and Regulations?

Answer:

The public comment period in November identified four items that we believed should be edited in the EMS rules draft.

The first was modification of the definition of Advanced Life Support (ALS) Assessment to remove the sentence "An ALS assessment does not necessarily result in a determination that the patient requires and ALS level of service". This change, recommended by EMSAC, would keep the language in line with the federal Medicare guidelines.

The second change is to remove from the standards for EMS Instructor levels I

through III the language, "No more than two (2) years prior to applying for licensure, the applicant must successfully complete the Public Safety Instructor Course or equivalent approved by the department." That language is not in keeping with our current policy or practice.

The third change would reduce the records retention requirement for dispatch records from seven to three years to align with the State retention schedule for such records.

The fourth change was the recommendation to remove references to trauma centers from 290-5-30-.18. There was no intent to include trauma centers in this section, as no clear authority exists for the Office of EMS to fine trauma centers.

This final draft of the EMS rules revision is ready for formal consideration by the Board of the Department of Human Resources. A public comment period notice has been posted and comments will be received as indicated in that notice. This revision is a comprehensive document that represents the only such revision in over eleven years. Thus, the draft contains revision for virtually every section of current EMS regulation.

I am confident this draft EMS rules revision is as close as we can get to consensus. This draft has also been reviewed and met with the approval of Public Health legal staff.

Send your questions for the Director to
mprobst@gdph.state.ga.us



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NATIONAL EMS NEWS

Homeland Security Invites Americans to Make a New Year's Resolution

Nearly half of all American adults make one or more New Year's resolutions every year. Unfortunately, many Americans have difficulty keeping their resolution due to lack of time or motivation. This year, as part of its successful "Ready" campaign, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is encouraging citizens to make a New Year's resolution that is easy to keep – creating their own family emergency plan. NASEMSD is a partner in the "Ready" campaign. Public Service Announcements (PSAs) are running to encourage the development of the family emergency plan.

NASEMSD and the National Council of State EMS Training Coordinators (NCSEMSTC) are leading a national project to develop a "National EMS Scope of Practice Model."

The two organizations encourage interested individuals and organizations to visit <http://www.emsscopeofpractice.org> to review proposed changes and submit comments on the proposal. The project, jointly funded by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the Health Resources and Services Administration, is being developed by 14 national associations. Comments are being accepted until Jan. 30, 2005.

Some of the Best Injury-Prevention Programs in the United States: The November 2004 issue of JEMS, the Journal of Emergency Medical Services, included an article on injury-prevention programs. The

article, "EMS Champions of Injury Prevention," provides highlights of some of the best injury-prevention programs in the United States. Eric Morrison of the Mecklenburg EMS Agency in Charlotte, N.C., is highlighted as the 2004 Nicholas Rosecrans Award winner. Morrison has established a remarkable number of injury-prevention programs that are data-driven with measurable results. Some of Mecklenburg's programs include CORE (Child Occupant Restraint Education program) and Scouting for Dangers (a program that trains Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops to do home safety inspections for seniors.) The complete article

is available at <http://www.jems.com> <<http://www.jems.com>> for a fee. Search the index of past issues to order the article.

Upcoming National EMS Events and Information:

2005 Trauma-EMS Systems Program Leadership Meeting, Feb. 2-4, 2005, Key Bridge Marriott, Arlington, Va. Information will be provided closer to the meeting date.

Emergency Medical Services Response to Hazardous Material Incidents or Acts of Terrorism, March 18, 2005, Harvard School of Public Health, Boston, Mass. Information is available at <http://www.hsph.harvard.edu/ccpe/programs/EMSR.shtml>

EMS Today Conference and Exposition, March 18-22, 2005, Philadelphia, Pa. Information is available at <http://www.emstodayconference.com> or <http://www.amchp.org/conference>

Injury and Violence in America: Meeting Challenges, Sharing Solutions, May 9-11, 2005, Denver, Colo. Information is available at:

<http://www.cdc.gov/ncipc/2005conference>.

FEMA Announces New NRP Online Training

On Jan. 6, 2005, FEMA announced the release of the new course that introduces emergency management practitioners to the National Response Plan, including the concept of operations upon which the plan is built. The course, IS-800 – The National Response Plan, an Introduction – is available at

<http://training.fema.gov/emiweb/is/is800.asp> <<http://training.fema.gov/emiweb/is/is800.asp>>. It is designed for DHS and other federal department/agency staff responsible for implementing the NRP, as well as state, local and private sector emergency management professionals.

Homeland Defense Training Conference®: Medical Planning and Operations in Support of Consequence Management: "Managing the Unthinkable in the Era of Asymmetrical Threats" – Preparing Healthcare Professionals for New Challenges in the Medical Arena, Feb. 24-25, 2005, Omni Shoreham Hotel, Washington, D.C. Information is available at

http://www.marketaccess.org/event_consmgmt.asp <http://www.marketaccess.org/event_consmgmt.asp>.

28th Annual Conference of the National Rural Health Association, May 19-21, 2005, New Orleans, La. Information is available at <http://www.NRHAural.org/conf>.

National Public Health Week April 4-10, 2005

American Public Health Association
800 I Street, NW
Washington, DC 20001-3710
visit: www.apha.org
Materials available

GEORGIA EMS REGIONAL NEWS

Region III

The Annual Awards Luncheon will be March 3, 2005.

The Stars of Life Banquet will be held in May 2005. Last year \$23,000.00 in sponsorships was raised. We recognized over 100 EMS professionals and had over 600 people in attendance. Contact Marty Billings for more information at 404-248-8995 or to be a sponsor this year.

We are also working on a new website design and domain. Look for the results of Region III's 2004 Airway Management Study on the web soon.

Bill Harvey, Training Coordinator for EMS Region 3 accepted a position with Fulton County Communications.

Contact Marty Billings at wmbillings@gdph.state.ga.us for information regarding the EMS Training Specialist position.

Region V

See page 6 for the details about the Cans for Kids Campaign.

Region VII

The West Central Georgia Region 7 EMS Council will host its annual EMS Awards and Appreciation Banquet on March 22 at the Conference Center at Columbus Regional Medical Center. Approximately 200 people are expected to attend the event during which the four Region 7 EMS Awards will be presented. The keynote speaker for the Banquet is former West Central Health District Program Manager Dee Cantrell. Dee, as she is affectionately known to her friends, recently retired after more than 34 years in Public Health. She is regarded as one of Georgia's most recognized public health professionals and proponents.

The West Central Georgia Region 7 EMS Rural Health Network will conduct the second in a series of stakeholders meetings on February 2 at the

Conference Center at Columbus Regional Medical Center. In addition to presentations by Ej Dailey, Fred Grant and Indrani Dasgupta from the Office of EMS, others scheduled to address the group include Sam Cunningham, Region 7 EMS Director, Cathy Maxwell of The Medical Center, Dr. Zsolt Koppanyi of the West Central Health District, and Shaundra McKeithren of the Office of Rural Health Services. Representatives from the eleven counties, two Critical Access Hospitals, and the trauma center are expected to attend.

Region VIII

EMS Training Specialist position is available in EMS Region 8. Contact Robert Vick at 229-891-7034 for information.

Thank you Robert Vick for donating a new Sony digital camera to the OEMS/T. Look for pictures from around the state in future newsletters. After all, a picture is worth a thousand words.



Answer to the October 2004 Trivia Question;
Mother Marion Wildeboar, Instructor of Georgia's first EMT course conducted in DeKalb County.

January 2005 Trivia Question:

Under which Governor did the efforts begin to organize an EMS system in Georgia?

EMS EVENTS CALENDAR

Regional EMS Council Meetings and Contacts:

- 1- 1/20, 4/21, 7/21, 10/20, David Loftin
- 2 - 3/17, 6/16, 9/15, 12/15, Earl McGrotha
- 3- 2/17, 5/26, 8/18, 11/17, Marthy Billings
- 4- 1/18, 4/19, 7/19, 10/18, Billy Watson
- 5- 3/17, 6/16, 9/15, 12/15, Chris Threlkeld
- 6- 2/9, 5/11, 8/10, 11/9, Lawanna Mercer-Cobb
- 7- 3/22, Sam Cunningham
- 8- 1/10, 4/11, 7/11, 10/TBA, Robert Vick
- 9- 1/20, 4/21, 7/21, 10/20, Shirley Starling
- 10- TBA, Earl McGrotha

Metro Atlanta Surveillance Task Force (MASTF) meeting January 25, 2005, Atlanta, Ga.

EMS Day at the State Capital, February 24, 2005.

CHANGES Conference

March 29-31, 2005, Augusta, Ga., River Front Radisson Hotel.

EMS Management Conference

April 20-22, 2005, Unicoi State Park.

EMS Award Banquet, May 12, 2005.

National EMS Week, May 15-21, 2005

Visit: www.acep.org/emsweek for materials.

Georgia EMS Conference, August 2-5, 2005 St. Simons Island, Ga.

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GEORGIA EMS REGION 5 FOOD FOR KIDS CAMPAIGN

Region 5 EMSC CANS for KIDS Campaign

As many of us were preparing for our holiday festivities, there were members of our communities who struggled to have the means to prepare their family's next meal. This holiday season, in response to those needs, the Region V EMS for Children Advisory Council invited each EMS service within the region to participate in a region-wide effort to provide meals for families in need. EMS providers were asked to collect non-perishable canned goods beginning Monday, November 22nd through Wednesday, December 15th. The canned goods collected by the services during the CANS for KIDS Campaign were then used to meet the identified needs of families within their local community. Additionally, to help promote the CANS for KIDS initiative within the Region, a fully stocked Braslow®/Hinkle Bag was awarded to the EMS Ser-

vice that was deemed to have the most successful local CANS for KIDS campaign. Services were awarded points based on the number of canned goods collected divided by the number of licensed ambulances. Each participating service was encouraged to develop a canned goods drive that util-



ized the strengths and talents of their providers and community. Several EMS services worked in conjunction with other public safety and healthcare personnel to gather the much needed goods while others sought the help of local grocery stores. One service even elicited the help of Santa to encourage local children to aid in the effort. Once the drive concluded and the points were tallied, Putnam

County EMS finished in first place. The 1,600+ cans they collected were distributed to the Putnam County Christian Outreach and the Putnam County Department of Family Children's Services. The medics of Monroe County Emergency Services were awarded second place and nearly 1,100 cans were provided to the Monroe County Community Center. Houston Medical Center EMS rounded out the top three and was happy to divide over 800 cans between the Bonaire Community Outreach Center and their adopted family. The three top services were recognized during the December 16th Region V Advisory Council Meeting and were awarded teddy bears from Oconee Area EMSC and EMS stocking stuffers from Armstrong Medical. Additionally, the stocked Braslow®/Hinkle Bag was awarded to Putnam County EMS. Overall, the CANS for KIDS initiative proved to be a rewarding experience for all those who participated.



SOEMS/TRAUMA UPDATE

OARS:

The Georgia EMS Advisory Council, and the Georgia State Office of EMS/Trauma are developing a survey to collect data regarding the EMS workforce in Georgia. Participating in this survey will enable EMS advisory groups and the State Office of EMS/Trauma to have objective information regarding Georgia's EMS workforce.

EMS Certification:

A Quality Assurance tracking mechanism has been developed to manage the returned certification applications. This tool will help

us to better serve the EMS professionals in Georgia.

EMS Vehicle Inspection:

The OEMS has received Vehicle Inspection Data from Regions 1, 2, and 10. The data has been merged with our main Vehicle Inspection Database. Preparations are being made to modify the PCR so that EMSVID could be collected. Over 1100 vehicles have been tagged with a new EMS VID number.

The GEMSIS Publication and the Trauma in Georgia 2003 publication have both

been approved by Dr. Kathleen Toomey.

Trauma Registry:

The importation of the 3rd Quarter 2004 NTRACS data was successfully completed. All NTRACS are using the 3.4 NTRACS version.

Rural Health Grant:

We are in the process of analyzing Region 7 PCR data. Preliminary analysis indicates that most services are doing a good job in collecting data; however, EMSVID is not making it into the PCR.

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OARS continued:

Two Critical Access Hospitals (CAH) from EMS Region 7 and one from 8 have received basic and report writing training using the NTRACS 3.4 trauma registry software. Data abstraction at the facilities has begun.

A Trauma Video for Georgia is being developed by the Georgia Technology Authority (GTA) in conjunction with the OEMS/T and GCTE. The purpose of the video is to raise an awareness of the importance of a statewide trauma system and the role trauma centers have in providing optimal care for Georgia's injured citizens.

TRAUMA:

Trauma Center Redesignations - Both CHOA campus', N. Fulton Regional Medical Center, DeKalb Medical Center, Medical

College of Georgia, The Medical Center in Columbus, and Grady Memorial Hospital underwent their scheduled redesignation visits last quarter. Final letters of designation determination are pending. In the first quarter of 2005, two additional redesignation visits and one designation visit are scheduled.

Certification: Reminder ...

The EMT-B recertification deadline is March 31, 2005.

Paramedic, EMT and First Responder Instructor recertification deadline is December 31, 2005.

Licensing Section:

The licensing section proudly reported 10 new First Responder Services and 8 new Ambulance Services in 2004.

License invoices through March 31, 2005 have been mailed.

Announcements:

EMS Education Committee
Chairman: Alex Isokov, MD

EMSAC chairman:
Courtney Terwilliger

Taylor County EMS email:
tcema@pstel.net

2004 GOVERNOR'S PUBLIC SAFETY AWARDS

The Honorable Governor, Sonny Perdue presented Ms. Lawanna Mercer-Cobb, EMS Region 6 Program Director, with an award recognizing her Outstanding Contribution to her Profession over the past 29 years. Ms. Mercer-Cobb began her career as a registered nurse in 1975. In 1978, she earned her Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) license. This led her to the position of training coordinator for the EMS Region 8 office and her current position as the EMS Region 6 Program Director. Her responsibilities include, directing the EMS activities in 13 east Georgia counties. Ms. Mercer-Cobb organized the first statewide EMS conference,



**Lawanna Mercer-Cobb,
Region 6 EMS Program
Director with The Honorable
Governor Sonny Perdue.**

Trends in Medical Emergencies (TIMES). She was also instrumental in the establishment of the largest

EMS conference in Georgia, Changing Healthcare Approaches in Georgia Emergency Medical Services (CHANGES).

Her involvement with numerous task forces and committees, including the EMS Rules and Regulations Committee, State EMS Plan Task Force and the Blue Ribbon Task Force on EMS Education were also recognized.

Congratulations Lawanna!

"We make a living
by what we get, but
we make a life by
what we give."

—*Winston Churchill*

KIDS CORNER

"Delivering Results: Improving Pregnancy & Birth," 2005 Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs Annual Conference, Feb. 19-23, 2005, Grand Hyatt Washington Hotel, Washington, D.C. Information is available at <http://www.amchp.org/conference>.

National Burn Awareness Week Feb 6-12, 2005, visit www.shrinershq.org/shc/cincinnati/index.html for materials.

National Child Passenger Safety Awareness Week

Feb 13-19, 2005, visit www.nhtsa.dot.gov for materials.

National Poison Prevention Week, March 20-26,

visit: www.poisonprevention.org for materials.

National Child Abuse Prevention Month

April 1-30, 2005, visit: <http://nccanch.acf.hhs.gov/topics/prevention/index.cfm> for materials.

National SAFE KIDS Week

April 30—May 7, 2005
Visit: www.safekids.org for information.

National Trauma Awareness Month

May 1-31, 2005,
Visit: www.amtrauma.org for materials.

CHOA—Egleston Campus
2005 Trauma Lecture Schedule
(q 3rd Friday 0730am in B52)

Date	Lecture	Contact Info
Jan 21	Ocular Injuries during Childhood	slamber@emory.edu
Feb 18	Post Traumatic Behavioral Changes	Mike_ziegler@oz.ped.emory.edu
March 18	Early Intervention in the Traumatically injured Child	Carl.wilson@choa.org
April 15	TBA	
May 20	Vascular Injury	Ross_milner@emoryhealthcare.org
June 17	CT of the Cervical Spine in Pediatric	Robert.Lorenzo@choa.org
July 15	New resident orienta-	
August 19	Head Injury	Timothy_Mapstone@emory.org
Sept 16	Transfusing the Trauma patient	Josephson, Cassandra MD (hospital e-mail)
Oct 21	History and Future for Trauma System Development in GA.	jponeal@gdph.state.ga.us
Nov 18	Genito-Urinary Trauma	
Dec 16	TBA	

The Injury Prevention Programs

Course open to currently certified CPS technicians only.

32-Hour Child Passenger Safety (CPS) Technician Certification Course

April 7,8,11,12
May 9,10,16,17
September 8,9,12,13
October 6,7,10,11
Visit the National Safekids website to register.

16-Hour Special Needs Child Passenger Safety (CPS) Training

March 21,22
June 2,3
November 3,4

Car Seat Check Events

Held at 1655 Tullie Circle
By appointment
April 12
May 17
September 13
October 11
Call Vandie at 404-785-6169 to register.



TRAUMA EVENTS, EDUCATION AND NEWS

Trauma Lecture Series at The Medical Center in Columbus, Ga are held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month in the Conference Center at The Medical Center in Columbus 12:30pm – 1:30pm. Lunch is provided. The lectures feature speakers with extensive experience in their field of practice who present trauma specific topics that the local audience has requested. Come and listen to earn your 1.2 CEU's. For more information, please contact Cathy

Maxwell at
cathy.maxwell@crhs.net .

Trauma Lecture Series at DeKalb Medical Center are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month in DMC Theater from 8am to 9am. There is no charge or registration, breakfast is served to early birds and CEU/CME/prehospital credit is given. The lectures are open to anyone interested in trauma. For more information, please contact Kelly Nadeau at knadeau@dkmc.org.

4th Annual Georgia Trauma Conference presented by the Trauma Associates of Georgia (TAG) will be held February 7-8, 2005 at the Marriott Atlanta Century Center in Atlanta, Ga. CEU's are available for physicians, nurses and EMT/Paramedics. Contact the conference coordinator at 706-782-1495 for more information and registration fees or register online at <http://www.SignUp4.net/Public/ap.aspx?EID=GEOR11E>.

Georgia Committee for Trauma Excellence (GCTE)

2005 meeting schedule and locations:

1/26/05, Skyland Center;
3/16/05, TBA; 5/25/05, TBA
7/27/05, TBA; 9/28/05, TBA
11/16/05, TBA

Time: 10am-3pm

Contact: Renee Morgan at rwmorgan@gdph.state.ga.us for information regarding the State Trauma System or Deb Battle at dbattle@ghsnet.org regarding GCTE.

2005 Trauma-EMS Systems Program Leadership Meeting, Feb. 2-4, 2005, Key Bridge Marriott, Arlington, Va. Information will be provided closer to the meeting date.

National Donor Day, Feb 14,
National Donate Life Month, April 1-30, visit:
www.organdonor.gov/donatelif.htm for materials.



Georgia Trauma Coordinators and Registrars

Georgia Trauma Video

The OEMS/T and the Public Relations Subcommittee representing the GCTE are working together with the Georgia Technology Authority (GTA) to develop a trauma video for Georgia. The purpose of the video is to raise the public's awareness of the importance of trauma centers in our state and the critical life saving impact trauma centers can make on the lives of Georgia's citizens. Thank you to all who contributed to our call for information regarding exercises and video footage in your area.

National Trauma Awareness Month

May 1-31, 2005,

Visit: www.amtrauma.org for materials.

National American Occupational Safety and Health Week

May 1-7, 2005, Visit::

www.asse.org/naosh05 for materials.

Welcome:

Emily Wright, Grady Memorial Hospital's New Trauma Registrar.

2005 TRAUMA EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

DATE	COURSE	LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE OR EMAIL
3/2-3	CATN	DeKalb Medical Center	Kelly Nadeau	404-501-5651
3/8-9	TNCC	Gwinnett Medical Center	Deb Battle	678-442-3742
3/19-20	STN ANNUAL MEETING	Las Vegas, Nevada	NA	www.traumanursesoc.org
3/21-23	Trauma & Critical Care Conference	Las Vegas, Nevada	NA	www.trauma-criticalcare.com
4/16-17	ATCN (w/ATLS)	Medical Center of Central Georgia	Debra Kitchens	478-633-1584
4/28	TOPIC Course	Macon—TBA	Renee Morgan	rwmorgan@gdph.state.ga.us
6/27-28	TNCC	DeKalb Medical Center	Roz Jackson	404-501-1178
7/11-12	TNCC	Gwinnett Medical Center	Deb Battle	678-442-3742
9/19-20	TNCC	DeKalb Medical Center	Roz Jackson	404-501-1178
10/3-4	TNCC	Gwinnett Medical Center	Deb Battle	678-442-3742
10/5-6	CATN	DeKalb Medical Center	Kelly Nadeau	404-501-5651
12/TBA	TNCC	DeKalb Medical Center	Roz Jackson	404-501-1178
Last updated 11/09/2004. Write to Kelly Nadeau at to include additional courses in the newsletter.				

GEORGIA'S TRAUMA CENTERS BY EMS REGION

Region 1: Floyd Medical Center

Region 2: None

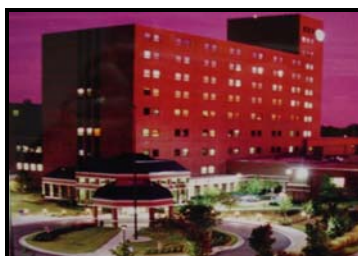
Region 3:

Atlanta Medical Center
Children's Healthcare of Atlanta
Egleston Campus
Scottish Rite Campus
DeKalb Medical Center
Grady Memorial Hospital
Gwinnett Medical Center
N. Fulton Regional Hospital

Region 4: None

Region 5:

Medical Center of Central Georgia



The Medical Center
Columbus, Georgia

Region 6:

Medical College of Georgia

Region 7:

The Medical Center—Columbus

Region 8:

John D. Archbold Memorial Hospital

Region 9:

Memorial Health University
Medical Center

Region 10: None

GEORGIA TRAUMA REGISTRY

FLASH REPORT *

	3rd Quarter Comparison		Year to Date Comparison	
Data element	2003	2004	2003	2004
Total records	2805	2690	7458	7779
Gender				
Male	1926 68.66%	1848 68.70%	5061 67.86%	5264 67.67%
Female	876 31.23%	842 31.30%	2394 32.10%	2513 32.30%
Type of Injury				
Blunt	2431 86.67%	2313 85.99%	6391 85.69%	6729 86.50%
Penetrating	364 12.98%	363 13.49%	1027 13.77%	1014 13.04%
Burn	10 0.36%	4 0.15%	38 0.51%	18 0.23%
Mechanism of Injury	Number of patients. Standard options with highest volume are reported below.			
ATV	63	67	165	196
MVC	1043	971	2765	3010
MCC	156	163	358	438
GSW	205	221	629	613
SW	78	73	217	228
Fall	604	561	1522	1622
Pedestrian	151	129	420	389
Assault	132	141	320	329
Mode of Arrival	Number of patients			
Ambulance	2020	1903	5389	5559
Helicopter	465	519	1174	1425
Walkin,Police,PV,Other	242	246	685	709
ED Disposition	Number of patients			
ED DOA & Death	76	79	222	248
Home	71	67	171	204
Floor	1079	1047	2864	2843
OR	557	537	1604	1664
ICU	882	852	2295	2529
Transfer	80	82	190	217
ISS 1-4	697 24.85%	659 24.50%	1876 25.15%	1904 24.48%
ISS 5-9	845 30.12%	807 30.00%	2146 28.77%	2238 28.77%
ISS 10-15	395 14.08%	382 14.20%	1117 14.98%	1108 14.24%
ISS 16-24	442 15.76%	443 16.47%	1173 15.73%	1312 16.87%
ISS>=25	362 12.91%	319 11.86%	954 12.79%	1011 13.00%
Not Done	64 2.28%	80 2.97%	192 2.57%	206 2.65%
Average ISS (auto calc)	12.18	12.18	12.30	12.45

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	3rd Quarter Comparison July, August, September		Year to Date Comparison January through September	
Data element	2003	2004	2003	2004
Hospital Disposition	Number of patients. Standard options with highest volume are reported below.			
Home	2055	1970	5459	5582
Rehab	269	251	703	757
Death, DOA	198	194	553	605
Transfer	182	105	458	475
Nursing Home	60	47	142	188
Avg. ED LOS—Hours (Direct Admits omitted)	4.6	5.5	5.2	4.9
Avg. ICU Days	3.61	3.60	3.62	3.63
Avg. Hospital Days	7.63	6.92	7.43	7.13

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THE OFFICE OF EMS/TRAUMA MISSION, VISION & VALUES STATEMENT

Mission:

To encourage, foster, and promote the continued development of an optimal system of emergency medical and trauma care, which provides the best possible patient outcome.

Vision:

By promoting excellence, providing uniform state-wide regulation, and promoting healthy communities, we seek to be valued by those we serve. An important by product of regulation is value-added information for emergency

preparedness, public health, EMS research, and strategic governance. By managing knowledge, EMS can improve public health in Georgia.



Values:

Excellence: We promote excellence, achieve and maintain quality results.

Integrity: We are committed to honest, fairness, and trustworthiness in the best interests of the citizens of Georgia and those that represent state government.

Teamwork:

We encourage active collaboration to solve problems, avoid conflict, make decisions, and achieve common goals.